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Report of the International Hydrographic Organization

Summary**

The International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) is an intergovernmental consultative and technical organization of 87 member States that was established in 1921 to support the safety of navigation and the protection of the marine environment. One of its main objectives is to bring about the greatest possible uniformity in nautical charts and publications (paper and digital) and in the development of marine spatial data infrastructures.

IHO does not consider itself as a naming authority as such, but is involved in the development of hydrographic standards, data modelling, feature concept dictionary registers, dictionaries of specific terms, gazetteers and charting, among other things, including the consideration of naming issues.

The report provides an update on the activities relating to the naming of undersea features and the publication *Limits of Oceans and Seas*.

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